

**MEMORIAL**

OF SUNDRY

**Aliens,**

OF

**THE CITY OF NEW YORK.**

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**FEBRUARY 9, 1824.**

Referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

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## FORM OF A RELINQUISHMENT.

RELINQUISHMENT, No.

1822.

do hereby declare consent to the provisions of the act of Congress, passed on the 2d day of March, 1821, entitled "An act for the relief of the purchasers of the Public Lands, prior to the 1st day of July, 1820;" revived and continued in force, by the act of the 20th April, 1822, entitled "An act supplementary to an act, entitled An act for the relief of the purchasers of the public lands, prior to the 1st day of July, 1820, and wishing to avail of the relief granted by the 1st section of the said act of 2d March, 1821, do hereby relinquish to the United States all right and title to, and interest in, the following described tract and legal subdivision of tract of land, (the payment of which has not been completed) held by and purchased in the District of Lands offered for sale at viz:

Date of Purchase.	Original certificate herewith surrendered.		Tract or legal subdivision relinquished—whether section, half section, quarter section, half quarter section, &c.	No. of section.	No. of township.	No. of range.
	Number.	Date.				

And request that the sums paid on account of the purchase money of said lands *relinquished*, be transferred and applied towards completing the payment of the following described tract and legal subdivision of a tract of land *not relinquished*, (the payment of which has not been completed) held by and purchased as aforesaid, viz:

Date of Purchase.	Original certificate herewith surrendered.		Tract or legal subdivision not relinquished—whether section, half section, quarter section, half quarter section, &c.	No. of section.	No. of township.	No. of range.
	Number.	Date.				

And do hereby further request, that, if, after the transferring and applying of the said sums, as requested, there shall be any balance, (exclusive of interest accrued) due or to become due from as on account of the purchase money of any part of said land *not relinquished*, may have further credit on the same, according to the provisions of the 3d section of the act of Congress, of 2d March, 1821, aforesaid.

In testimony whereof,  
day of

have hereunto set  
1822.

hand and seal this

In the presence of







## MEMORIAL.

*To the Honorable the Senate and the House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled.*

The petition of the undersigned Aliens, residing in the city and county of New York,

RESPECTFULLY SHEWETH:

That your petitioners, from experience, observation, and firm conviction of its excellence, are all zealously and firmly attached to the Constitution of the United States, and are desirous of participating in its benefits, and in the burdens, duties, and services, required for its support and defence.

Your petitioners, therefore, pray that their case may be taken into your favorable consideration, and that the present probationary period of five years may be shortened, in such a degree, as your wisdom may deem conformable to the circumstances of the times, and the present policy of the nation.

And inasmuch as many *aliens* have, notwithstanding a permanent residence in the United States, from want of sufficient information, remoteness from the tribunals empowered to receive their reports and declarations; from the absence of that conviction, which experience and observation have since produced in their minds, and from various other causes and impediments, neglected to take the necessary and preliminary steps, your petitioners pray that they may, notwithstanding, upon proof of good moral character, and of residence for such a length of time, as the contemplated amendment may require, be admitted to naturalization.

And as, in many instances, the residence of the *aliens* is so remote from the courts authorized to receive reports and declarations, as to be productive of inconvenience to those who depend on daily labor, or domestic industry, for support; it is respectfully suggested, whether some provision may not be made for the accommodation of persons so circumstanced, leaving the mode to the disposal and discretion of your superior wisdom.

With the most profound deference for your wisdom, and the most implicit confidence in your justice, we lay this petition before you, confident that it will meet with the candid and impartial investigation, by which your deliberations have been invariably distinguished.

And your petitioners, as in duty bound, will ever pray, &c. &c.

